(b) So far no Central assistance has been sanctioned for Punjab State for reclamation of ravinous land.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Promotion of Deputy Manager of NCCF involved in import of dates

3227. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the .Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 857 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1987 and state;

(a) whether the officers (concerned Deputy Manager and others) involved in the case which has been referred to the **CBl** for investigation has been placed under suspension as has been done in other cases in NCCF sent to the CBl to avoid tampering of records or influencing the witnesses;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the concerned Deputy Manager is being promoted as Manager by the outgoing Managing Director; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) and (b) The sub-Committee of the Board of Directors who enquired into the matter has not found any officer of the level of Deputy-Manager, *prima facie,* guilty of being involved in this case.

(c) No, Sir. The Deputy Managers in the NCCF have been allowed to exercise the powers of Manager purely as an administrative arrangement for administrative expend iency and business interest.

(d) Does not arise.

Promotion of Deputy Manager ot NCCF involved in import of lentills

3228. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister Of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 858 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the concerned Deputy manager against whom C.B.I invesii-gation is going on for initiating delayed Arbitration prc-oeeedings for the recovery of trading loss of Rs. 28 lakhs from the foreign supplier has been placed under suspension as has been done in other CBl cases in the NCCF to avoid tampering of records Or influencing the witnesses;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the concerned Deputy Manager is being promoted as Manager by the outgoing Managing Director; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) and (b) It has been stated by the NCCF, that the Deputy Manager has not been found, *prima facie,* guilty in delaying the arbitration proceedings and hence the question of his suspension does not arise at this stage.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Deputy Managers in the NCCF have been allowed to exercise the powers of Managers purely as an administrative arrangement for administrative expe diency and in business interest.

Failure of Operation Flood Programme

3229. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milk production programme under Operation Flood I and II has totally failed

as brought out in Economic and Political Weekly of the 20th June, 1987, Illustrated Weekly of 19th July, 1987, MID-DAY of 3rd August, 1987 and EEC World Bank Mission Report of March, 1987-

(b) whether milk shortage has been deliberately created to force Government for imports of commercial milk products; and

(c) whether in view of the total breakdown of Dairy Development Projects Government would close down NDDB-IDC and transfer the work hack to Agriculture (Ministry and the States as Dairying is a State subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No. sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) There is no break down of dairy development projects and as such the question of either closing down of NDDBTDC or transfer of work from it to the Agriculture Ministry, does not arise.

Import of pulses etc. from the coun tries exposed to Radiation

3230. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

fa) whether it is a fact that the country has been importing eowpea and other pulses from Turkey and other countries exposed to Chernobyl radiation; and

(b) whether all the shipments of pulses and any other farm products including milk and milk products were tested independently by BARC and if so, the results thereof batch-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL. TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Some pulses have been imported from Turkey which was reported to have been exposed to Chernobyl radiation.

(b) Some consignments of farm Pro-ducts were received after the Chernobyl accident and samples were tested and were found to be below the permissible/acceptable levels of radioactivity.

Development Scheme for SC/ST in Uttar Pradesh

3231. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of families benefited through various develop mental schemes for Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) what is the year-wise amount spent on these Schemes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of Scheduled Caste families economically assisted during the last three years is as follows:—

Year	No. of Familes
1984-85	4.79.035
1985-86	3.79,039
1986-87	3.80.769

(b) Amount spent by Govt of Uttar Pradesh on various schemes under the Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes during the last three years is as follows: —